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	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
		Small Entity		Small Entity		Small Entity	
Application Type	Fee ($)	Fee ($)	Fee ($)	Fee ($)	Fee ($)	Fee ($)	Fees Paid ($)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee ($)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee ($)		Fee Paid ($)
5	- 23 =		x		=	$0.00

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2006, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-19, 21-23 stand canceled. Claims 5, 8, 20 have been amended. Claims 24, 25 are newly added. The amendment leaves claims 5, 8, 20, 24, 25 pending.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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